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Letter dated 21 September 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Second Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 38].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Information and communication technologies for development [item 49].

   [In accordance with decision 58/569 of 1 July 2004, the General Assembly will consider the report of the World Summit on the Information Society directly in plenary meeting at its sixtieth session.]

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 50]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development.

5. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [item 51].

   [In accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 59/145, the General Assembly held on 14 September 2005 a separate meeting on Financing for Development within the framework of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.]

6. Sustainable development [item 52]:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Sustainable development in mountain regions;

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;

(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(h) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(i) Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas.

7. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [item 53].

8. Globalization and interdependence [item 54]:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science and technology for development;

(c) International migration and development;

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin.

9. Groups of countries in special situations [item 55]:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

10. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 56]:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

11. Operational activities for development [item 57]:

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 57.]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

12. Training and research [item 58]:

    (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

    (b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy.

13. Towards global partnerships [item 59].

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

14. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [item 73]:

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

15. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

    [The General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.]

16. Programme planning [item 125].

    [The General Assembly decided to allocate item 125 to the Second Committee, for its consideration of and appropriate action on sections C.1 and C.2 of chapter III, concerning evaluation, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session (A/60/16).]